

OPERATOR

(Promotional Class)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

This class encompasses responsible and skilled fire line positions involving the operation of apparatus and equipment and the protection of life and property through fire prevention, rescue, and the extinguishing of fires. Employees of this class are responsible for driving fire equipment to and from the scene of a fire and for operating pumps and other equipment as required. Incumbents of class perform routine tasks independently. Employees of class are supervised by and have work reviewed by a Fire Captain. This class ranks directly below that of Fire Captain.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Answers both emergency and non emergency calls, records pertinent information and responds according to department procedures. Selects shortest available route to fire or emergency. Drives fire apparatus, making sure to follow all laws and safety regulations.

Positions pumper to supply and regulate water to hose lines. Performs hose operations including deploying, making and breaking connections, advancing, and utilizing various types of nozzles and appliances. Operates pump to build or increase water pressure to supply adequate pressure at the nozzle. Performs truck operations such as operating boom, ladders and other aerial apparatus. Operates self-contained breathing apparatus for protection from hazardous environments. Relays radio messages between headquarters and firefighting personnel.

Performs duties as part of the fire attack and suppression team when not engaged in operating pump or other equipment. Performs search and rescue operations in order to locate and remove trapped victims from burning or collapsed buildings, vehicles, enclosed spaces, or other endangerment using appropriate tools and techniques. Performs forcible entry, ladder, and ventilation operations. Applies appropriate fire streams and agents for the most effective fire extinguishment. Performs salvage and overhaul operations.

Performs routine service and maintenance on fire department apparatus and equipment, including cleaning apparatus after use and seeing that necessary equipment is in working condition and replaced on apparatus as required. Performs daily radio checks.

Promotes a positive image of the work of the department in the daily performance of duties by interacting with community members in both emergency and non-emergency situations and in both formal and informal settings, providing assistance and information as needed.

Completes assigned forms and records.

Provides assistance to subordinates in technical areas of work.

Participates in training and/or drills as required by the department.

Performs any related duties assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements listed below must be met by the filing deadline for application to the test.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States.

After offer of promotion, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a medical examination prepared and administered by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.

Must be a regular and permanent employee in the class of Firefighter First Class immediately preceding the closing date for application to the board.

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